



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. Of: MELLER ET AL

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For: SEALING RING AND SEALING RING ARRANGEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner, and prior to the calculation of fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.